Excess sales turn out of drugs units

1817. SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1293 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th May, 1985 and state:

(a) the names of the unit which crossed the exempted limit of sales turnover and to whom notices were sent in May, 1984 to apply for price fixation;

(b) how many units applied for price approval from May, 1984 to 30th June, 1985;

(c) when did each unit cross the limit and what was the sales turnover of each during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(d) what are the names of the products of each company which is having sales turnover of each product more than Rupees fifty lacs;

(e) what was the sales turnover of each of such products during 1984-85; and

(f) why Government are not fixing the prices in spite of the fact that consumers are paying high prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (f) Instances of some companies continuing to market their formulations without price approval even after crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lakhs in sales turnover came to the notice of the Government in the beginning of the year 1984. After examination of the matter notices have been issued to over 200 units which *prima-facie* have crossed the limit of Rs. fifty lakhs in sales turnover. Replies to the notices and representation from one of the Association on behalf of such units have only been received recently. These representations would be considered and action taken in accordance with the due procedure of law.

Demand of Pyrazinamide

1818. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 191 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the estimated demand of Pyrazinamide during 1985-86;

(b) what are the names of the companies who were granted manufacturing approvals alongwith capacity approved in each case;

(c) what is the stage from which production was permitted in each case;

(d) what are the names and capacities of the companies who have already made investment;

(e) whether the price of Pyrazinamide was fixed on the basis of cost and technical study of the production; if so, what price was recommended by Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, unit-wise;

(f) what was the cost of production recommended and claimed by the company;

(g) the names of six major formulators who are marketing formulations based on this drug alongwith prices fixed for each pack strength of each of their products;

(h) whether it is a fact that companies are selling the drug at higher prices; and

(i) if so, what action has been taken against the companies?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) As assessed by Seventh Five Year Plan Working Group demand estimates of Pyrazinamide during 1985-86 is 25 tonnes.

(b) and (c) To the extent details available, names of companies holding industrial approval for Pyrazin-

amide alongwith capacity approved are given in the Annexure. All the approvals are from basic stage of production.

(d) To the extent details are available M/s Uni-Sankyo, Standard Organics, Indo-Pharma and Morani Chemicals are producing the drug on commercial scale.

(e) and (f) Price of Pyrazinamide was fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 at Rs. 1273.55 per Kg. based on the recommendations of the BICP. It would not be appropriate to divulge the information furnished by the Company to the BICP in confidence.

(g), (h) and (i) Leader price for Pyrazinamide Tablets 500mg. per tablet in the pack of 10's was notified at Rs. 15.30 under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. A number of units like M/s. Lyka, Themis Pharmaceuticals, Pharmed, Uni-Sankyo Ltd. etc. are marketing formulations based on Pyrazinamide. Prices of other strengths and packs of Pyrazinamide have also been fixed by the Government. Certain manufacturers have represented against the prices so fixed by the Government.

Annexure

Industrial Approvals granted for the Manufacture of Pyrazinamide

S. No.	Name of the Company	Capacity
1	2	3
		tons
1	M/s. Uni-Sankyo	3
2	M/s. Standard Organics	20
3	M/s. Morari Chemicals	12
4	M/s. K.K. Kala	10
5	M/s. Lupin Labs	12
6	M/s. Suneeta Labs	18
7	M/s. menkataramana Pharmaceuticals	10
8	M/s. CIPLA	3
9	M/s. Indo-Pharma	12
10	M/s. Rajasthan Glyozal	20
11	M/s. R.V.N. Raju	12
12	M/s. Dexo Labs	18
13	M/s. Japson Pharmaceuticals	10
14	Shri Arvind Thakkar	60

Sales turnover of Panama Industries

1819. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 190 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sales turnover of Panama Industries was more than Rupees fifty lacs during 1979-80;

(b) if so, what was the sales turnover of Panama Industries during 1979-80 and 1980-81;

(c) what are the reasons for not fixing the prices of Proxivon, Buta Proxivon and Spasmo Proxivon in spite of the fact that it came to the notices of Government about a year back that the company had crossed price exempted limit long back;

(d) what is the reaction of the notice given to the party for submission of application for price approval;

(e) whether the company submitted the application upto the deadline given to them; and

(f) if not, what action was taken against the company?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (f) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.